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In re Patent Application of

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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND
EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT
METHOD



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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of any listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since the submission of such documents is no longer required.

Japanese Official Actions issued on July 22, 2008 and October 21, 2008 in connection with a counterpart Japanese application of the above-identified application. Copies of the Japanese Official Actions and English language translations are submitted herewith.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.


The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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